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Charles D. Lanier, et al. )

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Sir:

We, Charles D. Lanier, Richard J. Wolf, and Leticia Villegas, declare as follows:

1. We are the inventors of the material recited in Claims 1-59 of the above-identified reissue application.

2. Prior to January 5, 1990, we had conceived and completed a reduction to practice of our invention as described and claimed in Claims 1-59 in the United States of America as evidenced by the following:

a) Attachment A, which shows the first and last page of a listing of programming and other operational files taken from the computer system of one of the inventors. Last modification dates have been obscured, however, all of these files were created and used in an operating intelligent help system prior to January 5, 1990.

b) Attachment B, which shows a listing of a file entitled "draw.db." This file was generated by a means for

providing data indicating a sequence of user-directed events and shows a knowledge base comprising the data. This file was created and integrated into an operational Intelligent Help System prior to January 5, 1990.

c) Attachment C, which shows the first and last page of a listing of a file entitled "drawhlp.hlp" This file shows a plurality of rules for analyzing the data stored in "draw.db" to determine appropriate help information. This file was created and integrated into an operational Intelligent Help System prior to January 5, 1990.

d) Attachment D, which shows the first and last page of a listing of a file entitled "iengine.c." This file is an inference engine means. Dates have been obscured, however, this files were created and operational prior to January 5, 1990.

e) Attachment E, which shows the first and last page of a listing of a file entitled "screen2.old." This file is a display engine means coupled to a help database for interpreting the inference engine outputs to select appropriate help information for display. This file was created and integrated into an operational Intelligent Help System prior to January 5, 1990.

3. Prior to January 5, 1990, we had installed the files referred to in paragraph 2 above in at least one computer to perform the methods recited in Claims 1-59 in the United States of America.

4. We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

5. This declaration may be executed in counterpart and by copy with the same force and effect as if executed as one complete and integrated document.

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